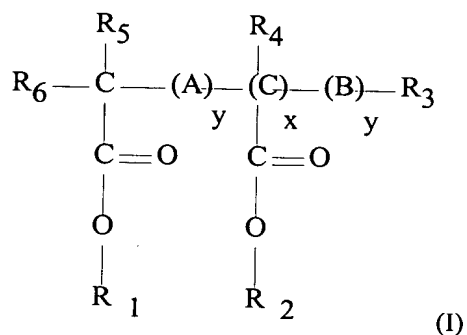


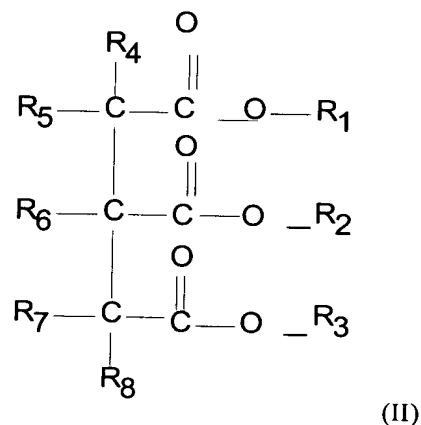
What is claimed is:

1. A composition comprising a cooling agent together with an ester derivative of following formulae:



wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently an alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy groups of from about 2 to about 24 carbon atoms, hydroxy group or hydrogen group; R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 are independently an alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy groups of from about 1 to about 24 carbon atoms, hydroxy group or hydrogen group; A and B are independently a C_1 - C_6 linear or branched alkylene, alkyl, alkenylene, alkoxy, alkoxy, hydroxyalkylene, hydroxyalkyl groups; the values of x are independently from 0 to about 15; the values of y are independently 0 or 1,

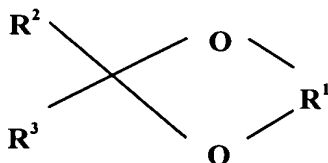
or



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are independently an acyl, alkyl or alkenyl or hydroxyalkyl group with from about 1 to about 22 carbon atoms, and R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{10} linear or branched alkyl, acyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxy groups, hydroxy, chloride, bromide, amine or hydrogen, or mixture thereof.

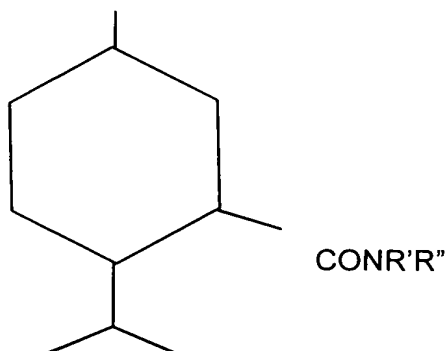
2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the cooling agent is able to convey freshness sensation, without the need to modify temperature of the skin/mucosal surface of the mammal body to which the composition is applied.
3. A composition according to claim 2, wherein the cooling agent is selected from the group consisting of ketals, carboxamides, cyclohexyl derivatives, cyclohexanol derivatives, borneol, camphor, eucalyptol, methyl salicylate, tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil, peppermint oil and mixtures thereof.
4. A composition according to claim 2, wherein the cooling agent is selected from the group consisting of:

- a ketal according to the following formula:



in which R^1 represents a C_2 - C_6 -alkylene radical having at least 1, but not more than 3, hydroxyl group(s), preferably 1 hydroxyl group, and either R^2 and R^3 independently of one another represent C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl which is optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group comprising hydroxyl, amino and halogen (such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine), C_5 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, preferably cyclohexyl, C_6 - C_{12} -aryl, preferably phenyl, with the proviso that the total of the C atoms of R^2 and R^3 is not less than 3, or R^2 and R^3 together represent an alkylene radical which, together with the carbon atom which carries the radicals R^2 and R^3 , forms a 5-7-membered ring, it being possible for this alkylene radical, in turn, to be substituted by C_1 - C_6 -alkyl groups, or mixtures thereof;

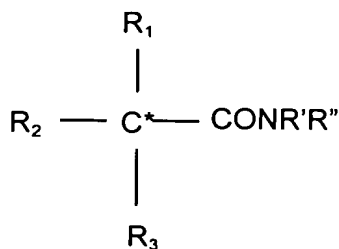
- or a carboxamide of the following formula:



(a)

wherein R' , when taken separately, is hydrogen or an aliphatic radical containing up to about 25 carbon atoms; R'' when taken separately is hydroxy, or an aliphatic radical containing up to about 25 carbon atoms, with the proviso that when R' is hydrogen R'' may also be an aryl radical of up to about 10 carbon atoms and selected from the group consisting of substituted phenyl, phenalkyl or substituted phenalkyl, naphthyl and substituted naphthyl, pyridyl; and R' and R'' , when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, represent a cyclic or heterocyclic group of up to about 25 carbon atoms, or mixtures thereof,

or (b)

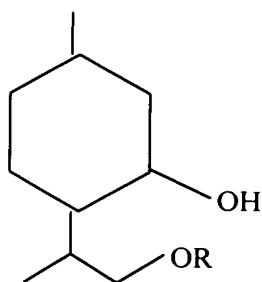


wherein R' and R'' , when taken separately, are each hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_5$ alkyl or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ hydroxyalkyl and provide a total of no more than about 8 carbon atoms, with the proviso that when R' is hydrogen R'' may also be alkylcarboxyalkyl of up to 6 carbon atoms; R' and R'' , when taken together, represent an alkylene group of up to about 6 carbon atoms, the

opposite ends of which group are attached to the amide nitrogen atom thereby to form a nitrogen heterocycle, the carbon chain of which may optionally be interrupted by oxygen; R_1 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_5 alkyl; and R_2 and R_3 are each C_1 - C_5 alkyl; with the provisos that (i) R_1 , R_2 and R_3 together provide a total of at least 5 carbon atoms, preferably from about 5-10 carbon atoms; and (ii) when R_1 is hydrogen, R_2 is C_2 - C_5 alkyl and R_3 is C_3 - C_5 alkyl and at least one of R_2 and R_3 is branched, preferably in an alpha or beta position relative to the carbon atom marked (*) in the formula, or a mixture thereof;

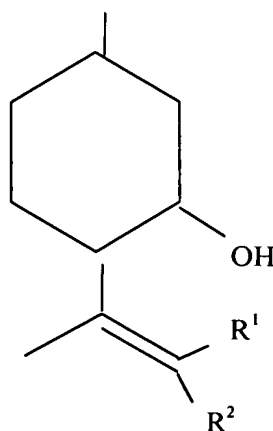
- or a cyclohexanol derivative according to the following general formulae:

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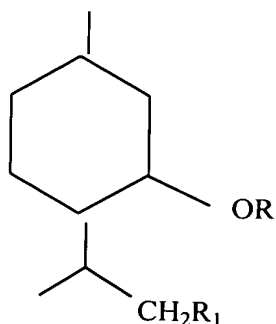
wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl group having about 1 to about 5 carbon atoms, or mixtures thereof,

or (2)



wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently hydrogen, or a linear or branched alkyl group having about 1 to about 5 carbon atom, or mixtures thereof;

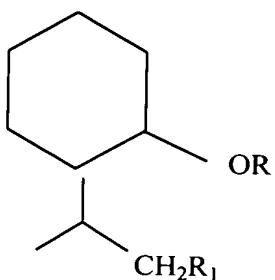
- or a cyclohexyl derivative according to the following general formula



wherein R represents -H, a C₁-C₅ linear or branched alkyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkenyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkoxy group or a C₁-C₅ acyloxy group, R₁ represents -H, or a linear or branched alkyl group having from about 1 to about 5 carbon atoms, or mixtures thereof;

- or a mixture thereof.

5. A composition according to claim 2, wherein the cooling agent is (a) menthol and/or peppermint oil in combination with (b) a second cooling agent typically selected from the group consisting of ketals, carboxamides, cyclohexyl derivatives with the exception of menthol, cyclohexanol derivatives and mixtures thereof.
6. A composition according to claim 5, wherein the second cooling agent is a cyclohexyl derivative according to following formulae:



wherein R represents -H, a C₁-C₅ linear or branched alkyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkenyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkoxy group or a C₁-C₅ acyloxy group, R₁ represents -H, or a linear or branched alkyl group having from about 1 to about 5 carbon atoms, with the exception of R and R₁

both being hydrogen, or mixtures thereof, and preferably is menthyl lactate, typically in a weight ratio of (a) to (b) from 1/1 to 1/100.

7. A composition according to any of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein the ester derivative is according to formulae (II) and preferably is triethyl citrate, acetyl tributyl citrate and/or triacetyl citrate.
8. A composition according to any of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein the cooling agent or a mixture thereof is present at a level of about 0.1% to about 99.9% and wherein the ester derivative or a mixture thereof is present at a level of from 99.9% to 0.1%, by weight of the total composition.
9. A composition suitable for topical application to external surface of a mammal, preferably human, according to any of the preceding claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the form of a cream, lotion, emulsion, dispersion, gel, foam, oil, ointment or powder.
10. An hygienic article, preferably disposable absorbent article, containing a composition according to any of the preceding claims 1, 2, 3 or 4.
11. An article according to claim 9, wherein the article is a clothing, bandage, thermal pad, acne pad, cold pad, compress, surgical pad/dressing, protective bedding cover, gloves, socks, perspiration pad, shoe insole, shirt insert, animal litter, panty liner, feminine napkin, incontinent pad, diaper, tampon, interlabial pad, breast pad, dry or wet wipe or human or animal waste management device.
12. A disposable absorbent article according to claim 9, wherein the article comprises a topsheet containing the composition according to any of the claims 1, 2, 3 or 4.